

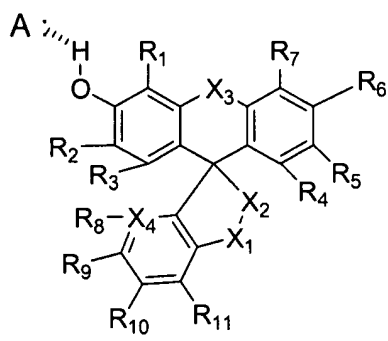
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 – 11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended). The An imaging method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing an imaging member as ~~defined in Claim 8~~ comprising an image-forming layer comprising a compound represented by the formula (I)



(I)

wherein:

R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, and R₇ are each independently selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R₆ is selected from the group consisting of: halogen, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R₈, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₁ are each independently absent or selected from the group consisting of: hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

X₁ is selected from the group consisting of: carbonyl, methylene, substituted methylene, and sulfonyl;

X₂ is selected from the group consisting of: oxygen, nitrogen, or substituted nitrogen;
X₃ is selected from the group consisting of: oxygen, sulfur, nitrogen and substituted
nitrogen;

X₄ is carbon or nitrogen; and

A is a hydrogen-bond accepting group;
said compound being in the crystalline form; and

(b) converting at least a portion of said compound to ~~the liquid~~ an amorphous form in an imagewise pattern whereby an image is formed.

Claim 13 (currently amended). The imaging method as defined in Claim 12 wherein step (b) comprises applying an imagewise pattern of thermal energy to said imaging member whereby at least a portion of said compound is converted to ~~the liquid~~ an amorphous form and an image is formed.

Claim 14 (original). The imaging method as defined in Claim 13 wherein said imaging member further includes a substrate and at least a second color-forming layer, said second color-forming layer being capable of forming a color different from that formed by said first color-forming layer.

Claim 15 (original). The imaging method as defined in Claim 14 wherein said imaging member further includes a third color-forming layer, said third color-forming layer being capable of forming a color different from those formed by said first and second color-forming layers.

Claim 16 (currently amended). ~~A thermal~~ The imaging method as defined in Claim 15 wherein said color-forming layers form magenta, cyan and yellow color, respectively.